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Mr. V. GANGADHARA SIVA :—" Will the Government consider any proposal for giving free education for Adi-Dravidas in secondary schools ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The question of giving free education in secondary schools is, as I have often said, a matter of finance, and in the present state of our finance, the task will be almost superhuman."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" May I know, in view of the very liberal grant which the Government are proposing to give to the Sir Annamalai University, whether it is really impracticable to remit fees for Adi-Dravida students who attend secondary schools ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question is argumentative."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" May I know whether the Government will at least consider the necessity of remitting fees for the Adi-Dravida pupils ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The Government are giving through the Labour department as much facility as could be given at present for the higher education of Adi-Dravida pupils."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" Will they not make it a rule that Adi-Dravida pupils may be admitted free of any fees in all the schools ? "

The hon. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As I said before, Sir, that will be an impossible task."

Introduction of agriculture in the training course for secondary-grade teachers.

* 85 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government will be pleased to consider the proposal of certain agencies to introduce agricultural training in the training course provided for the teachers of the secondary grade ?

A.—The Government do not consider that the introduction of agricultural training in all secondary training schools is either necessary or practicable.

Local Boards

Construction of the Srisailam road.

86 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the correspondence between the Government and the President, District Board, Kurnool, regarding the Srisailam road has reached such a stage as to allow the project to be taken up ;

(b) if so, whether he will be pleased to state when the construction of the road is expected to begin ; and

(c) if not, whether he will kindly state what has so far taken place ?

A.—(a) No.

(b) & (c) The proposal is still under correspondence.

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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government, with reference to the answer to clause (*c*), whether any representation has been made by the President of the District Board that the Government might contribute a larger share towards the expenditure on the construction of the Srisailam road ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" A proposal to that effect was made by the District Board President, Kurnool ; but the Government have not found it feasible to accept it."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Amendment of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

* 87 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to remove the defects found in the working of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act and brought to the notice of the Government by the Board by making the necessary amendments in the Act, and if so, when ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have considered the suggestion of the Endowments Board regarding the question of bearing the cost of the Board's administration from Provincial Funds and of abolishing the contribution payable to the Board ?

A.—(*a*) The Hindu Religious Endowments Board has submitted a draft Bill to amend the Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1926. The provisions of the Bill are now under scrutiny. The Bill will be introduced as soon as its provisions have been settled.

(*b*) The suggestion is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" With reference to clause (*b*), may I know how long this suggestion has been before the Government and when a decision is likely to be reached ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I cannot say exactly when a decision on this point would be reached ; but I have been looking into the matter for the last two months."

Civil Justice

Transfer of the Guntur Sarishtadar.

*88 *Q.*—Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any transfers of District Court Sarishtadars in the Presidency were ordered by the High Court before the summer recess ;

(*b*) why the Guntur Sarishtadar was not transferred ; and

(*c*) whether Government will be pleased to address the High Court to transfer him ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) Under the Madras Civil Courts Act, 1873, the transfer of Sarishtadars is a matter within the discretion of the High Court.

11-45 a.m. Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA : —" Will the Government be pleased to call for the information with reference to clauses (*a*) and (*b*), and place it on the table of the House ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Yes, Sir."